

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 79

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the St. Agnes Academy girls' soccer team upon winning the 2006 TSSAA Division II state championship and on the team's third place ranking in the nation.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the St. Agnes Academy girls' soccer program is one such estimable sports team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2006 season, establishing a record of twenty-three wins against zero losses on the way to claiming the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division II girls' soccer state championship and securing a ranking of third place in the nation by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA); and

WHEREAS, the highly accomplished and athletically gifted young women of the St. Agnes Academy soccer team won the state title by prevailing over the powerhouse team of Battle Ground Academy (2-0); and

WHEREAS, along the way to a perfect 2006 season, the St. Agnes Stars scored 122 goals in 23 games and allowed only 2 goals; they set a state record for fewest goals allowed in a 20-plus game season, tied the state record for shutouts with twenty-one, and finished second all-time with a string of 14 consecutive shutouts; and

WHEREAS, St. Agnes Academy is the first private school team from West Tennessee to capture the TSSAA Division II state title since 1986; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Bobby Ireland, named NSCAA 2006 Region IV Coach of the Year, laid the groundwork for this year's championship team by sharing with these young women his substantial knowledge of soccer, his many years of coaching and athletic

experience, and his passion both for the sport of soccer and for excellence in every endeavor;  
and

WHEREAS, in addition to the able leadership of Mr. Ireland, the Stars benefited from the tireless and committed work of Assistant Coaches Sean Andre, Amanda Ray, and Lauren Boccia; and;

WHEREAS, the St. Agnes Academy girls soccer team includes players, Christine Bakewell, Laura Bosi, Lauren Browning, Caroline Capacoccia, Kelly Dyer, Meri Taylor Favi, Ellen Fisher, Molly Glaser, Aly Hancock, Morgan Heathcock, Jessica Hiltenbrand, Lauren Hutton, Aja Jenkins, Danielle Kern, Michelle Kinsella, Molly Kinsella, Megan Kinsella, Madeline Langenfelder, Devan Langston, Carley Newman, Grace Orians, Tricia Pirozzi, Anna Robilio, Kate Ryan, Sara Catherine Ryan, Neeley Slattery, Caylee Steward, Carleigh Stratton, Sarah Stringfellow, Cathy Strini, Tori Taylor, Eileen Walsh, Mary Kate Walsh, and Montana Whittington;  
and

WHEREAS, receiving NSCAA honors were Molly Kinsella (Academic All-American, All-Region, Division II West Region offensive player of the year, and All-Region team) and Kelly Dyer (High-School All-American, Youth All-American, All-Region, Division II West Region defensive player of the year, and goalkeeper of the year for the Division II West All-Region team); both players are also nominees for the Gatorade National Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Kelly Dyer, Molly Kinsella, Aly Hancock, and Grace Orians were named All-State by the Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association; in addition, Kelly Dyer, Molly Kinsella, and Megan Kinsella were awarded All-State by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association; and

WHEREAS, goalkeeper Kelly Dyer finished her high school soccer career as the state's leader in shutouts with fifty-two; she had twenty-one in this season alone, which tied the state record for shutouts in a season by an individual; and

WHEREAS, Molly Kinsella, another team standout, is the state's career leader in assists with 65; she tied the state record this season with 24 assists and she placed eighth all-time for her 114 career goals; and

WHEREAS, the St. Agnes Stars epitomize all that is good in today's student-athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship soccer season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the St. Agnes Academy girls' soccer team for winning the 2006 TSSAA Division II state championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Bobby Ireland and the St. Agnes Academy girls' soccer players upon winning the 2006 TSSAA Division II state championship, commend them on ranking third in the nation by the NSCAA, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.